

March 24, 2004

Barry R. Stephens, P.E.
Technical Secretary
Tennessee Air Pollution Control Board
9th Floor, L & C Annex
401 Church Street
Nashville, TN 37243-1531

SUBJECT: Memphis Metropolitan Statistical Area
Early Action Compact March 31st Milestone
Air Quality Improvement Plan

Dear Mr. Stephens:

In accordance with the Early Action Compact entered into by Memphis and Shelby County in December, 2002, the Shelby County Air Quality Improvement Plan component is hereby submitted. It is our understanding that you will submit it to U.S. EPA Region IV with the component for Fayette and Tipton Counties by the March 31st deadline so as to obtain deferral of the effective date of the expected nonattainment designation. The Crittenden County, Arkansas and DeSoto County, Mississippi components of the Air Quality Improvement Plan will be submitted separately to U.S. EPA Region IV by the deadline.

The Shelby County Commission adopted a Resolution on March 22nd in support of listed strategies to attain the 8-hour ozone standard not later than 2007. A copy of the unsigned Resolution is attached, and after signature a signed copy will be forwarded. The Mid-South Mayors Forum also supports the Plan and its included strategies. We will continue to work to attain the 8-hour National Ambient Air Quality Standard for ozone in Shelby County. I certify that I have the necessary authority to submit this Plan.

Sincerely,

AC Wharton
Mayor

Dr. Willie W. Herenton
Mayor

cc: Yvonne Madlock, Director, Memphis & Shelby County Health Department
John Fowlkes, CAO, Shelby County
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